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1. MINED DECEMBER 20, 1973, GRANTED 500,000 RUPEES TO USEF/P FOR PROGRAM OF INSTITUTE. COPY LETTER BEING FORWARDED DEPARTMENT.

2. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION HAS REPEATED REQUEST USG MAKE SIMILAR GRANT FROM PL 480 FUNDS.

3. USAID CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING GRANT FROM PL 480 GENERATED RUPEES SUFFICIENT PROVIDE AIPS RS. 500,000 OR MORE SUPPORT ANNUALLY OVER PERIOD OF YEARS.

4. POST BELIEVES POSSIBILITY PL 480 GRANT SHOULD BE EXPLORED AND FEASIBILITY DETERMINED BUT DECISION WILL TAKE TIME. EVEN IF THIS FUNDING OBTAINED IT LIKELY THAT EARLIEST DATE GRANT COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR AIPS OPERATIONS WOULD BE 1974-75 ACADEMIC YEAR.

5. GOP ACTION PUTS PRESSURE ON US TO PROVIDE SOME AMOUNT OF FUNDING, AND SOON. PENDING EXPLORATION PL 480 POSSIBILITY EMBASSY RECOMMENDS CU/NEA MAKE GRANT TO USEF/P FOR LARGEST SUM PRACTICABLE FOR REMAINDER
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THIS ACCADEMIC YEAR. WE WILL THEN BE IN POSITION TO

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ADVISE GOP WE ARE TAKING ACTION ON INTERIM BASIS WHILE
EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FINANCING FOR A MUCH LONGER
PERIOD OF TIME. BELIEVE THIS APPROACH ESSENTIAL TO
REMOVE PRESSURE FROM GOP OFFICERS WHO ARE OBVIOUSLY
INSTRUCTED TO PUSH FOR OUR PARTICIPATION.

6. HAFEEZ MALIK NOW IN PAKISTAN. ON THURSDAY HE CALLED
ON CAO AND REPORTED ON RECENT ACITIVITIES. HE WAS
ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON POSSIBILITY
U.S. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AIPS. CAO INFORMED HIM THAT
MATTER WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. AS REQUESTED BY
GOP WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING POSSIBILITIES FOR SOME
PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT BUT NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE.
MALIK REPORTED THAT ON BASIS OF FUNDING RECEIVED FROM
GOP ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN MADE AMONG AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
THAT AIPS WAS OFFERING GRANTS FOR STUDY IN PAKISTAN.
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN SET FOR
FEBRUARY 15. AT THAT TIME IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT
FOR PLANNING TO KNOW TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE. MALIK
STATED IF USG COULD HELP WITH TRAVEL FUNDS THIS WOULD
BE MOST USEFUL BECAUSE RUPEES PROVIDED BY GOP CAN BE
USED FOR IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES BUT SOME QUESTION GOP WILL
APPROVE USE FOR PURCHASE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

7. MALIK MET BHUTTO DECEMBER 28. HE REPORTS PRIMIN
REPEATED ASSURANCES INTEREST AIPS PROJECT. MALIK DID
NOT INDICATE TO CAO THAT BHUTTO MADE ANY SPECIFIC MENTION
OF CONTINUED GOP FINANCIAL SUPPORT BUT THIS SEEMS IMPLICIT
IN VIEW PRIMIN'S WILLINGNESS SEE MALIK AND INTEREST IN
REPORT AIPS PROGRESS.BYROADE

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